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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7137

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FOR MR. DICKMAN (NEA/ARP) FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, SA

SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

FOLLOWING CABLE ARRIVED AFTER AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE:

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FM USMTM DHAHRAN SAUDI ARABIA

TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA

REQUEST DELIVERY TO AMBASSADOR AKINS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM UNITED STATES.

FOR AMB AKINS FROM BG HILL

SUBJ: COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

REF: PER DIEM TVL AND TR ALWS COMM MSG DTD 141345Z MAY
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1. WITY REFTTEL PDTTA COMMITTEE DENIED COST OF LIVING
ALLOWANCE TO PERSONNEL STATIONED AT DHAHRAN AND TAIF. I
AM AT A LOSS AS TO RATIONALE FOR THIS ACTION, PARTICULARLY
IN CASE OF TAIF, WHEN PEOPLE LOCATED AT RIYADH ON ONE SIDE
AND JIEDA ON THE OTHER HAVE THE SAME OR BETTER ACCESS
TO SAME IN-COUNTRY FACILITIES, I.E. EXCHANGE AND COMMI-
SSARY. I DO NOT KNOW WHY USMTM IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN
APPROVAL OF ITS REQUESTS FOR COLA WHILE COE AND MARINE
GUARD SUBMISSIONS ARE READILY ACCEPTED AND APPROVED.

2. WHILE I AM SURE THE COLA COMMITTEE POSITION CAN BE
PROVED ON FORMS WITH A SLIDE RULE, THE ACTUAL FACT IS
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PEOPLE MUST SPEND ADDITIONAL MONEY TO BUY SUBSTITUTES

FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY OR ACCEPT
A LOWER STANDARD OF LIVING. OTHER AGENCIES AND COMPANIES
RECOGNIZE THIS WITH SIGNIFICANT PAY DIFFERENTIALS.

3. IN ANY CASE, I DO NOT FEEL THE PDTTA COMMITTEE'S
ACTION WAS PROPER BECAUSE IT IS GROSSLY INEQUITABLE
TO THE INDIVIDUALS AT TAIF AND DHAHRAN. MORE IMPOR-
TANT, THIS WILL NOT SERVE TO ATTRACT HIGHER QUALITY
PERSONNEL AND IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE WHEN WE ARE
THINKING OF PUTTING ALTERNATE RESIDENCES AT TAIF IN
THE HOPE OF GETTING PEOPLE AT ISOLATED STATIONS TO
ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL UNACCOMPANIED YEAR WITH A TWO
YEAR TOUR. UNQTE
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